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## **KATHY MCLERON ACCEPTS EMS UNIT MANAGER POSITION**

The Division of Public Health, Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services (CHEMS) is pleased to announce that Kathy McLeron, MICP, PA-C has accepted the position, formerly held by Matt Anderson, of Emergency Medical Services Unit Manager (Health Program Manager III).

Mark S. Johnson, who is retiring from his position as CHEMS Section Chief on August 1, said, "I am very pleased that Kathy has accepted the EMS Unit Manager position. She has a wealth of experience with emergency medical services in rural, suburban, and urban settings, and she is very knowledgeable about the size and diversity of Alaska and the challenges facing EMS providers. With very dedicated and qualified staff in the state office, and in the EMS regional and subarea offices, I am confident that the statewide EMS system will continue to improve under Kathy's leadership."

Kathy started work for CHEMS as the EMS Training Coordinator in August 2001. She grew up in Western New York, became an EMT in 1982, and completed paramedic training in 1992. She graduated from State University of New York at Stony Brook as a Physician Assistant (PA) in 1987 and completed a post-graduate surgical residency program for PAs in the Bronx, N.Y. After residency training, she worked as an Orthopedic PA for over five years before moving to Barrow, Alaska to work for the North Slope Borough Fire Department as a Battalion Chief/Medevac Specialist.

Kathy received an AAS degree from University of Alaska - Fairbanks in Fire Science (Municipal Fire Control) in 1997. She is also an EMT-I/III Instructor and teaches Medevac Escort classes. She has worked for a variety of career, combination, and volunteer fire departments as well as ambulance services in various settings including rural, suburban, university-based, and urban areas since 1982.